

BID Board Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2025

In Attendance: Sara, Zack, Shannon, Glen, Stephanie, Tammy S., Tammy H., Rachael, Leanne, Brian, Gail, Michelle, Kelsey and Shawn H.

Shelly, Stephanie, Gail, Kelsey, Brian, Leanne, Pat, Tammy H., Rachel, Akari, Glenn, Shannon, and Zack

Absent: Pat, Akari, Carrie, Shelly

Call to Order: 8:33 AM

Zack called the meeting to order.

Approval of Meeting Minutes for June 2025:

Glen motioned to approve the minutes, Tammy S. seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Glen said he reviewed the financials and they all looked good. There were no questions about items.

Director Update:

Shannon wanted to start by discussing the open container law. It has worked out very well this summer with the Jackson Square Concert Series. There have been no issues or problems reported whatsoever with respect to the new ordinance. She did say that we need to put up new signage stating the rules and take down the old sign that says "No Alcohol" that currently hangs back there. In the meantime recommendations were to use a garbage bag or something to cover it. Shannon will have a meeting with the city to discuss what signs should say and how many should be hung around the area.

Zack recommended that a note be posted saying that all other applicable laws will be enforced such as underage drinking, public behavior, etc.

Shannon attended the OHMS Band concert Friday night and was stopped by many people who complimented how nice the city looked and how great the concerts were this summer. She has received much more positive feedback than negative.

We discussed how it feels like a turning point for Downtown Batavia and that things seem to be happening to make it better all the time. Zack brought up a few things that are on his list of things he'd like to see still happen including music playing downtown, like they do in Medina. And also he'd like to make the mall center a venue like Jackson Square for when the weather turns bad.

Zack then brought up the idea of moving the BID office from its current location to another office space in town. The consensus was that having an office in the mall seemed like a great idea. Matt Gray potentially has some spaces that might work. Shannon and Zack will be looking into it further in the coming weeks.

Lastly, Carrie Lawrence contacted Shannon with a letter of resignation from the BID Board due to family and work commitments. Her letter was provided for all board members to read. Rachael motioned to approve her resignation, Glen seconded it and all members approved.

Shannon said that John Roach reached out and said that he would be able to step in as an interim member. Glen motioned to approve him on the board, Rachael seconded and all approved.

City of Batavia Update:

Rachael introduced the new Assistant City Manager, Shawn Heubusch who joined us for his first BID meeting. He will now be attending regular meetings as a city representative and stand in for Rachael in the event that she cannot make it.

Rachael had a lot to report on, particularly with new businesses going into the mall – Game of Throws, Sunny's and Euphoria will all be opening soon.

Most of the businesses that were previously located in the Harvester Building have relocated to spaces in Batavia. Tammy H. was a huge help for that.

The ice rink is getting set to open for the season with a minor setback of some sludge in the pipes that help to freeze the ice. The hope is that it will still open in two weeks.

The police station is on track to open at the end of September and have the police move in in early October.

The YMCA submitted their demo permit to take down the old Y. The timeline for that is TBD.

Flooring, lighting and new bathrooms are still being worked on for the mall. It is going to be a costly but important upgrade for the building.

Tammy H. reported on the DRI 2.0. 14 projects have submitted applications. There is also a microenterprise grant for small businesses for between \$5,000 to \$35,000. This is for businesses with 5 employees or less and can cover equipment costs, marketing, inventory or other things but must include provisions to create one additional employee. This grant is ongoing and has a rolling application.

Creek Park has been designated a Brownfield so developers are now coming forward to look at the space for potential development.

Ellicott Square is again under construction and should open in the next year.

At this point several board members had to leave because of other engagements so we rushed through County updates. You can go to [Events | The Genesee County Chamber of Commerce](#) for more information. The next After Hours is scheduled for September 11 at Godfrey's Pond from 5 – 7 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 am.

Next meeting will be September 23rd at Eli Fish Brewing Co. at 8:30 am.